

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 through 32 and claims 34 through 42 are pending in this application. Claims 19, 22, 35, and 42 have been withdrawn. Claim 33 has been cancelled.

Dependent claims 7, 20, 21, 27, 28, 30 through 32, 34, and 36 through 41 have been amended to further clarify the invention.

The Office Action asserts restriction to claims 19, 22 and 42; claims 1 through 18, 20, 21, 23 through 34, and 36 through 41; or claim 35 is required.

Applicants respectfully traverse because each of the embodiments as set forth in the Office Action is a common invention. Moreover, it would be more expedient to prosecute all embodiments in a single application. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to comply fully with the restriction requirement, applicants elect with traverse to prosecute the embodiment of group II which includes claims 1 through 18, 20, 21, 23 through 32, 34, and 36 through 41.

The Office Action asserts that an election of a single species is required, as defined by species I of Figs. 1 through 17; species II of Fig. 19; or species III of Fig. 20.

Applicants respectfully traverse because each of the embodiments as set forth in the Office Action is a common invention. Moreover, it would be more expedient to prosecute all embodiments in a single application. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to comply fully with the election requirement, applicants elect with traverse to prosecute the embodiment of species I of Figs. 1 through 17, which includes claims 1 through 42 that read thereon, and, thus, includes the claims of elected group II above.

The Office Action asserts that currently at no claims are generic. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 19, 35, and 42 are generic to the species and embodiments as set forth above. Consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

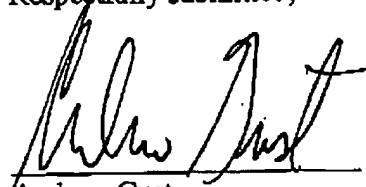
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